

“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.” —LUKE 12:35-36 NKJV

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“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
—LUKE 12:40 NKJV

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“So don't you be slovenly and careless. Just when you don't expect him, the Son of Man will show up.”
—LUKE 12:40 MSG

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Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?” And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.”

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“But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.”

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“And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few.”

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“For everyone to whom much is given,
from him much will be required;
and to whom much has been committed,
of him they will ask the more.”

—LUKE 12:41-48 NKJV

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Stewardship is a key word and central
concept in the Christian life.

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1. Stewardship begins with a personal relationship
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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NEW LIFE

...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new
creation; old things have passed
away; behold, all things have
become new.

—2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NKJV

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NEW LORD

...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord
Jesus and believe in your heart that God has
raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
For with the heart one believes unto righteous-
ness, and with the mouth confession is made
unto salvation. —ROMANS 10:9-10 NKJV

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But know this, that if the master of the
house had known what hour the thief would
come, he would have watched and not
allowed his house to be broken into.

—LUKE 12:39 NKJV

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2. Stewardship transforms a person who has made a profession of faith into a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

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“Nothing in the world is as free as salvation, yet nothing lays such a commanding grasp on life.”
—LEONARD CARROLL

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3. Stewardship calls me to choose service over self-interest.

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“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” —LUKE 12:40 NKJV

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4. Stewardship focuses the energies of my life on faithfulness to God and eagerness to give Him my best.

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For everyone to whom much is given,
from him much will be required; and
to whom much has been committed,
of him they will ask the more.

—LUKE 12:48b

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Leftovers are such humble things,
 We would not serve to a guest,
 And yet we serve them to our Lord
 Who deserves the very best.

We give to Him leftover time,
 Stray minutes here and there.
 Leftover cash we give to Him,
 Such few coins as we can spare.

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We give our youth unto the world,
 To hatred, lust and strife;
 Then in declining years we give
 To Him the remnant of our life.

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5. Stewardship promises God's favor
 and blessing in life.

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Blessed are those servants whom the
 master, when he comes, will find
 watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he
 will gird himself and have them sit down
 to eat, and will come and serve them.

—LUKE 12:37 NKJV

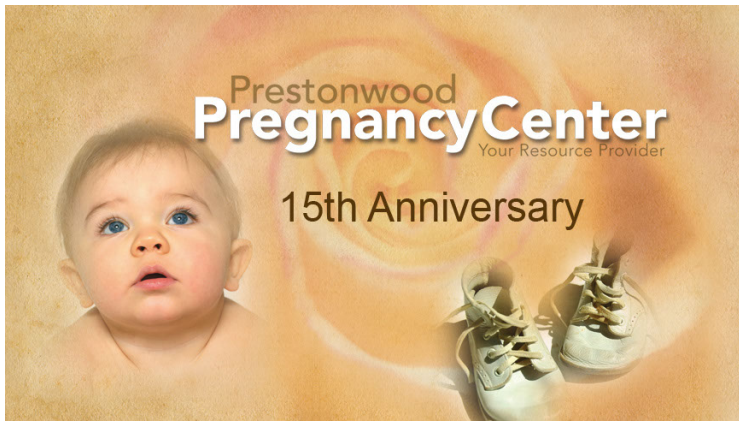
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God attends to the needs of
 His faithful stewards.

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Even so, come, Lord Jesus!
 —REVELATION 22:20b NKJV

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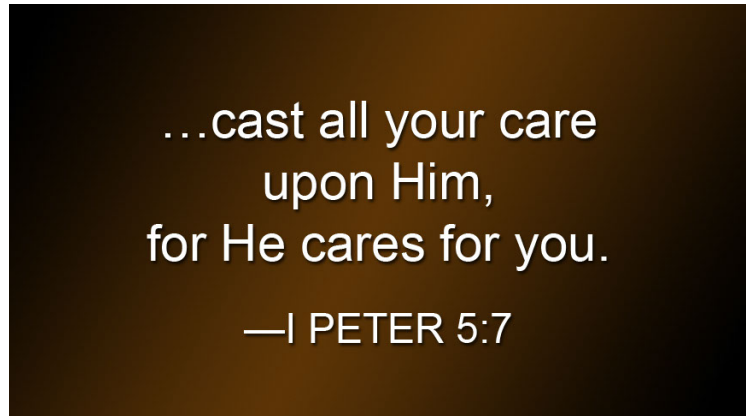
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